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TAGS: [KDEM](#) [PGOV](#) [PHUM](#) [PREL](#) [FR](#) [VE](#)  
SUBJECT: FRENCH RESPONSE TO VENEZUELA HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION

REF: STATE 223273

Classified By: Pol M/C Josiah Rosenblatt for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

1. (C) Poloff delivered reftel demarche to MFA Venezuelan desk officer Hedi Piquart on October 20. Piquart stressed that while France is concerned with the state of human rights in Venezuela, it does not share our sense of urgency and considers it too early to make any public statements on the subject. Piquart stated that the GOF believes the creation and implementation of laws is an internal affair. However, if legislation is applied in ways that infringe on human rights, the GOF would voice its opposition. Arbitrary arrests, disproportionate punishments, or utilizing the censorship law in a way that restricts freedom of the press would be clear violations of human rights, Piquart stated, and would merit GOF and EU reaction. However, GOF or EU statements at this point, Piquart said, would be "premature."  
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